



**Department of  
Toxic Substances  
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*Preventing  
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damage from  
hazardous waste,  
and restoring  
contaminated  
sites for all  
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Fact Sheet, August 2006

## **Proposal to cleanup soil at the former Manufactured Gas Plant known as “Aliso Sector D”**

We invite you to review and comment on a proposed plan to cleanup soil contamination at Aliso Sector D which is located at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) property in downtown Los Angeles. This site was the location of a former manufactured gas plant and is located in a commercial/ industrial area. The site is bordered to the north by a vacant lot at 490 Bauchet Street, to the east by railroad tracks, to the south by Cesar Chavez Avenue, and to the west by Lyon Street. Sector D is about 11.18 acres and has been divided into three areas based on historical use.

The MTA is the current owner of the site although Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) is the party responsible for the cleanup. There are two buildings on Sector D, which are currently used by the MTA for bus repair and maintenance operations. The area under the buildings has not been accessible for investigation during the remedial investigation activities. The remedial actions outlined in this draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) will only cover the accessible areas of Sector D and exclude the areas within the existing buildings.

The area proposed for removal action is in the parking lot at the southern portion of the MTA building and also in the Agnes Kline Tract, which is approximately 2.5 acres. The SoCalGas is in the process of removing similar contamination in other parts of the Aliso site, located north of this property.

Our agency is the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Our role is to protect public health and the environment. We are overseeing the investigation and cleanup at the site. The cleanup team includes our agency, SoCalGas, and their contractors.

### **Not a risk to the public**

According to a health risk study, the site does not present an immediate health risk to the public because it is covered with asphalt or concrete, which acts as a barrier preventing direct exposure to the contaminants.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD July 31 thru August 30, 2006**

A 30-day public comment period will be held to comment on the draft RAP for the site. We invite you to submit your comments/concerns during this time. We will consider your comments before a final decision is made.

**Public Meeting  
August 17, 2006  
12:30 p.m.**

**1 Gateway Plaza, Gateway Conference room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA**  
The proposed cleanup will be discussed at this meeting and DTSC staff will provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and/or make comments regarding this proposed plan.

### **Meeting Accessibility**

For information on accessibility and to request reasonable accommodations, please contact Leticia Hernandez (714) 484-5488, at least one week before the meeting.



## Chemicals Found at the Site

Soil sampling investigations were conducted between 2000 and 2003. Elevated levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPHs) gasoline, diesel, petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs), dicyclopentadiene, solvents, and metals were detected on the site.

Groundwater was also sampled and found to be contaminated with VOCs and PAHs. Groundwater at the site is not currently used as drinking water. If necessary, groundwater cleanup will be addressed in a separate groundwater management plan.

### The proposal to clean it up includes:

- Excavating and removing the contaminated soil
- Hauling the soil as non-hazardous material in trucks covered with tarps
- Hauling the soil to TPS (an approved treatment facility in Adelanto, CA) for treatment & thermal desorption
- Excavation may continue to about 5 to 30 feet deep
- Backfilling the excavation with clean soil, followed by compacting and grading
- Total duration of clean up activities and backfilling is estimated to be 12 to 15 months
- Trucks leaving the site will be covered & truck tires will be brushed of soil before leaving the site
- A flagman will direct trucks as enter or exit the site to minimize traffic impacts.

### Dealing with dust and traffic

The contractor will lightly spray the soil with water to prevent dust, cover and secure the piles of soil at the end of every day with plastic or non-toxic foams, and cover trucks carrying soil with tarps. There is also a potential to work at night to take advantage of cooler air.

It is estimated that between 20 and 50 trucks per day will leave the site.

### Findings about the effects on the environment of the Cleanup Action

As required by State law (the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA), we studied the possible effect of the cleanup itself on the environment. For example, we looked at whether the digging and hauling will disturb wildlife or habitat,

cause dust pollution, or interfere with traffic patterns. These efforts are documented in an Initial Study. We determined that the cleanup would not have any significant negative effect on the environment. We describe our study and this conclusion in a Draft Negative Declaration that is available for review and comment during the same period as the draft RAP and Initial Study.

### How to submit your comments

All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by August 30, 2006 and sent to:

Dr. Chand Sultana Project Manager  
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Glendale, CA 91201  
email: [csultana@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:csultana@dtsc.ca.gov).

### Information Repositories:

The draft RAP and other project documents are available for review at:

Lincoln Heights Branch Library  
2530 Workman Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90031  
Phone number: (323) 226-1692

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 North Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, CA 91201

Call the file room to set up an appointment at (818) 551-2800.

### Who to Contact for More Information

If you have questions regarding site activities, please contact Dr. Chand Sultana, DTSC Project Manager at (818) 551-2962 or Leticia Hernandez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5488 or toll free 1-866-495-5651.

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con la Sra. Leticia Hernandez al (714) 484-5488 o Número gratis: 1-866-495-5651

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**PUBLIC COMMENT FORM AND MAILING COUPON  
ALISO SECTOR D STREET, LOS ANGELES  
DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN FOR  
CLEANUP OF CONTAMINATION FOUND IN SOIL**

You may use this form to send in your written public comments on the draft cleanup plan and proposed Negative Declaration. You may also ask to be added or deleted from the Aliso Sector D, mailing list. If you know of anyone or any organization that would like to be on the DTSC project mailing list, please use this form to notify us. Please address all mailings to Dr. Chand Sultana, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 1011 North Grandview Glendale, California, 91201. You may also e-mail this same information to: [csultana@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:csultana@dtsc.ca.gov).

**Reminder: All written public comments on the draft cleanup plan must be postmarked or e-mailed by AUGUST 30, 2006.**

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**INSIDE:** *Public comment period and hearing for the draft Remedial Action Plan for Aliso Sector D*